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SUBJECT:SECURITY OF POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE U.S.

REFERENCE: STATE 59728

1. WE (EUR AND SY) CALLED IN WIEJACZ THIS AFTERNOON TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWAL OF SECURITY ESCORTS COVERING "THREATENED" POLISH OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. WE EXPLAINED THAT SIMILAR PROTECTIVE COVER HAD BEEN LIFTED FROM SOVIET OFFICIALS TWO DAYS AGO AFTER OUR SECURITY OFFICERS HAD DETERMINED THAT NO IMMEDIATE THREATS EXISTED AGAINST THEIR WELL-BEING. WE HAVE NOW COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION WITH REGARD TO THE POLES, WE SAID, AND HAVE FURTHER SATISFIED OURSELVES THAT, AS WITH THE SOVIETS, NO OUTSIDE SURVEILLANCE IS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST THESE OFFICIALS.

2. IN RESPONSE, WIEJACZ REFERRED TO THE ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING UNDER WHICH THIS PROTECTION HAD BEEN EXTENDED AND REMINDED US THAT DECISION TO STOP IT WAS OURS TO MAKE. THEREFORE, IF WE THINK ESCORTS SHOULD BE PULLED OFF, THE POLES ACCEPT OUR JUDGMENT. HE THEN REPEATED GOP INSISTENCE CONCERNING USG DUTY FOR PROTECTION OF POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE US. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY, ADDING THAT INVESTIGATION OF PAST "THREATS" GOES ON.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT SY AGENTS-IN-CHARGE IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK WILL CONTACT POLISH CONSULS GENERAL IN EACH CITY THIS AFTERNOON AND SECURITY PROTECTION WILL CEASE AS OF TONIGHT. KISSINGER

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